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MEDITATION

"We are very grateful, eternal and divine Heart, that after a very hard and a very difficult week, and after a night of refreshment and of sleep, it is possible for us to assemble ourselves together within the sacred precincts of these walls which we have learned to love and which have been dignified by the presence of thousands of human hearts. We are glad for the rest of the past night, glad that after a week where in we have shared the broken hearts of broken families, where we have listened to the long, long stories of many, many who are in great difficulty, we come to our beloved pulpit this morning with our hearts saddened and our minds chastened by the tragedy which we find all about us, but in the expression of our own gratitude for the rest and recuperation so that we come to the morning refreshed in body and mind, with a new vigor to take our place and to do our work which a destiny has outlined for us.

We would not be unmindful or unsympathetic with the hundreds who cannot enjoy this privilege and blessing. So foolish were they last night, so utterly foolish that the morning does not find them buoyant and rested, only remorseful and tired. And there are many who, because of their problems and difficulties, tossed upon sleepless beds last night worried and anxious as to what this week would bring for them. And there were many who were tired, so tired they could not rest perhaps, and many who were suffering pain and sorrow, and so, for a moment, we garner up all this background of our life's interests, all who are worried and harrassed by life, disappointed and saddended and sorrowing, all with whom we have shared their great grief, or who are remorseful and sorry, finding life, instead of a beautiful adventure, just a series of failures and defeats, and this great cosmopolitan background of human interests we garner into one great expression and ask that we might be the medium and this church might be the institution through which, as we approach the Yuletide many troubled and broken lives might find the threads again and pick them up and weave a better fabric.

Help us now to be the channel through which all inspiration, and love, and encouragement might go. May we never, never succumb to a sense of finality, that it is ever too late for any life. And might these words, striking, as we hope they are, against the sensitive plate of many a heart, it is not too late, it is never too late, and no matter your problem or your difficulty on this winter morning, wherever you are listening, and no matter how your body may be racked with pain and your soul with remorse, take heart again, it is not too late, never! And may this inspiration go to every heart listening to our morning service."

"FORTY AND JOBLESS"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, December 5, 1937

"My address this morning was inspired, as most of my addresses are, from the contacts which I have been having with people who have brought me their troubles and who have written to me of their problems. And I have thought that perhaps it might be possible for me, in making somewhat of a perfunctory analysis as to just why this condition is becoming increasingly universal in the field of employment that men who are in the neighborhood of forty and above, are being gradually and more universally eliminated from industry and from work than ever before in the history of this nation, and I thought we might analyse for a little while some of the contributing factors which have entered into this tragic condition and then see if by plea, or inspiration, or some method, we might be the instruments through which many of these men who are breaking down and breaking up around the age of forty, and forty upwards, might be able to re-establish contacts and might be able to take and make another start with life.

Failure, of course, is always tragic, it does not matter whether it is young or old, there is something tragic about failure, but it does seem to me that youth, because of the fact that they are young, do possess a fortification that enables them to stand the tragedy of failure better, perhaps, than those people are able to do who are much older. I am beginning to think, from the reactions which I am constantly receiving with this increasing situation in our industrial world, that perhaps one of our major tragedies as a people is our inability to absorb the individual above forty, particularly that kind of individual who before forty was never able to build a reserve either because income was so limited that the cost of living in raising a family and educating children through the lower branches of our secondary education made it impossible for them to accumulate a great reserve, or some financial tragedy had happened to their lives which swept out what reserve they might have had.

Now, whatever the reasons might happen to be, they are not the important thing at the moment, the important thing is what are we going to do? What is industry going to do? What are the employers going to do with the rapidly increasing condition of elimination from productive work of men and women forty and above? What will be the economic consequence in the increased burden of inevitable taxation that will gradually be levelled against industry and will be levelled against the rich, for the fact of the matter is that the increase of the burden of social support and of social security will finally be paid by those who have the money, and if confiscatory legislation is necessary to take the money away from the rich in the face of their own economic blunders, then, of course, it will be done, and that is why it is incomprehensible for me to understand the blindness of so many of the powerfully rich, for they are either going to develop a sanity in economic and industrial progress which will guarantee a maximum amount of employment to all people who are capable of working, and they are not going to be speeded up under the basis of a machine production, I cannot understand why it is that business is hesitant and fearful against governmental interference and the tragedy of increasing taxation when all this is the creation of an economic and industrial iniquity on the part of business itself!

Might I ask you what is to be

expected? Are we going to maintain ourselves in an economic order and educate our young people to the ages of fifteen and twenty and then suddenly at forty relieve them from productive labor and thereby only give a person fifteen or twenty years of active work in order to maintain an entire lifetime? Let me ask you quite reasonably and unemotionally and plainly, if you only permit an individual twenty years of life to work in, from the age he is twenty until he is forty, and he cannot build a reserve, will you kindly explain to me who is going to take care of that individual for the twenty or thirty years that he might live after he is forty? When you put an individual into unproductive life, or deny an individual over forty the right to labor, are you going to let him starve? What are you going to do with him? Well, you make up your mind to this, ladies and gentlemen, that the men and women over forty in this country who are now organizing to protect their own interests, and I hope they organize still more, are not going to starve and a public sentiment will be created in their favor that will result in still more legislation, and will result in still more federal interference, and if there is a business man listening now who doesn't like this, I don't know a single thing I can do about it, not a thing, I am just bringing to his attention the astounding incongruity of his own attitude of eliminating people over forty from productive work. He is either going to take care of them on a wage scale and give them honest work, or he is going to take care of them on a relief roll which means increased taxation—he has no alternative. That is why the problem is so definitely a problem that those who are employers of labor must, of course, give more serious attention to.

From the Bureau of Labor Standards there is a statement as follows: a maximum age limit has been adopted by 31.7% of the plants visited — A MAXIMUM AGE LIMIT—four had a limit under 40; 41% have a maximum limit between 40 and 46; a maximum limit of employment in New York State out of every 5 concerns had adopted maximum age hiring limits, the most common age limit for men was 45, **the maximum hiring age limit for men** 45, for women 40 years, appeared to be the universal rule! That's from the United States Labor Bulletin 616. In the age groups between 45 and 64 the increases in unemployment between 1930 and 1934 was 256% for women and 261% for men!

Now let these figures sink in, that's what I want to do this morning. I want to get this problem out in all of its severity, because it is becoming increasingly severe. They must have reached their 18th birthday but not their 35th on the date of the close of receipt of application. That's from the United States Civil Service examination. Another aspect of this problem in our civil service groups, before they are 18 and not after they are 35. In Massachusetts 230 factories had no male employes 45 years or age or over, had no male employees over 45, 230 factories! 137 had less than 10%, and 434 had less than 20%.

Now listen to this astounding statement. I have verified these statements, I am not merely quoting figures, it is building something which I am going to say to you in a moment, more than one-third of all persons on WPA relief work were in the age group of 45 to 64 according to the study compiled and reported by WPA in June, this past June. We have created a problem of the older worker in industry which has been developing standards over the past 15 years and so serious is the situation becoming that I think we must do all we can to create, first: an attitude on the part of industry that must find a way, in spite of all the excuses, to maintain the employment age much higher than it is today and their willingness to employ men much

older and women much older than they are employing them.

Now, what is the situation for the moment? First, let me make this general statement, which means very little, it proves nothing, it just is and I shall say it quite dispassionately, I don't want to get into a dither on this subject, I want to appear as unimpassioned in my utterances as possible because we must think our way very carefully here, does it not seem incredible, just on the bare face of it does it not seem incredible that in a nation which has the natural resources which this nation has, the natural resources and the number of men and women out of work and on relief rolls, does it not seem a tragic, tragic paradox that we have a nation waiting for development, and natural resources waiting for ability to get them into distribution, hungering and thirsting and needing it, and yet we get to the position where you cannot even make application for a job until you are on the relief rolls with a State Department of Employment! **Does it not seem utterly obnoxious and downright vulgar that we put a premium on pauperism in the United States and that before you can even apply for a job an individual has got to be on charity! I think it is utterly and absolutely the deepest, direst tragedy I know, and furthermore I think it is unnecessary, and that's my challenge to the so-called business industrial interests of America!** They can make the finest and fastest automobiles in the world; they can produce the finest equipment in the world; we have the best machinery to manufacture the finest products in the world; the physical equipment of this America of ours is unsurpassed anywhere in the world; we have the finest intellects in managerial and executive capacities; we have men who can anticipate markets and can build up great productive machines; we have departments of personnel who can weed out individuals until every man responds with a high degree of personal efficiency as he fits into the manufacturing production; we have the intellect, what is the matter with us that we still seem to be sufficiently ignorant that we have to have this tragic situation of unemployment and of poverty and of the dole and of charity that prevails in the United States today! Why the tragedy of age deepens with an intense sorrow. I feel very deeply concerned about this, and I want every employer to know, who might be listening, including Mr. Cameron of the Ford Hour who answered me last Sunday night, I cannot get a national hook-up to answer Mr. Cameron as he can, but I am glad that I stirred him up enough last Sunday morning so that he told the nation, and I hope we stir him some more, and I hope he will go to his employer, Mr. Ford, this afternoon from this broadcast and put me back on the Ford Hour tonight. I am getting just a bit weary of the excuses, and I know the excuses which industry is making in their refusal to employ people over forty and they are constantly letting out men and women over forty. I am familiar with all the excuses, so don't write me this week and tell me what the excuses are, I am quite familiar with them and I know they are not valid. I know that industry, particularly certain aspects of the manufacturing industry, can break a man in 15 or 20 years. I know they can take a boy of 20 and put him at a bench doing and performing a solitary act in the manufacture of something needed, and I know in 20 years that man is a nervous wreck, and I know that he is not an automatic machine, and I know that you do something to his nerves, and that you do break him down, and I am quite familiar that at forty the man might not be of any value to you. Modern machinery can break men, I know that, and I know that you repre-

sent stockholders, I know that you are interested in profits, I know that there is something called efficiency, I am quite familiar with that, but my point is that we have got to find a way in the manufacturing process whereby diversity of work and still further shortening of hours will give an individual an opportunity to recuperate from the results of the deadening toil of his work. You can stretch labor and jobs and you have got to find a way to do it, Mr. Industrialist. If you don't, you are going to wake up some morning and wonder how it all happened! If you don't, you are going to be very much surprised one of these days because the thing that is deepest down in every American heart is his sense of humanity, and he is not going to stand for inhumanity for dollars and profits very much longer in these United States of ours! He is going to do something else besides a matter of dollars and profits!

This address is a little warm, but that's the way I feel. How many people are there in the world, do you know? Well, there are 2 billion, 2 billion people in the world, and three-fourths of the 2 billion live on one-eighth of the surface of the earth. That's one of the things that's the matter with us, and everybody that possibly can, crowds into a city and we have, of course, there a congestion of population and the first thing we know there are contributing factors in this problem of unemployment over forty that must be considered.

What about the man in the retail aspect of it for a moment?

They say to men of forty, you are through, and one of the most common things in the retail world is that they tell them they are through because the public would rather deal with younger people. I don't know where employers get ahold of that psychology. I would rather deal with an experienced sales-person, man or woman, any time than I would with some little flip that flits around and makes you feel decidedly uncomfortable. I have known store after store that keep on discharging everybody forty years of age. I have asked them why, I have gone to them and asked them 'Why have you let this man go?' and they answered, 'Well, he was getting too old,' and you should see what they have substituted for him!!

Ladies and gentlemen, can't you employers see that that is a false psychology, particularly when public sentiment is being created now for the adult over forty who has been released from industry. If you want to win friends—if I had a big department store on State Street today, I would put on a campaign in which I would get to the public the message that I was putting on, in filling my ranks of employees for the Christmas time as extras, men and women over forty. You would see what it would do to you, you would win more friends than you are doing now, and don't talk to me about efficiency. There is another thing that irritates me, this business of being inefficient, because you have a few gray hairs or have to wear glasses. Why in the very development of our racial population by 1970 our population will be absolutely stable. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries it increased, the population increased, but by 1970 it will be stationary in the promulgation and preservation of human life. No one who keeps their mind young, and their heart young need ever be old. We can buy hair, we can buy teeth, we can buy complexions why, we can do everything now, science has been the greatest ally that I know of youth. No person is inefficient or deemed unvaluable to any institution as long as their work is unimpaired. Never mind their age ,never mind the color of their hair, no person is ever too old who remains unimpaired, and I know people who are 50, 60 and 70 that are in the best

years of their lives. Why, from 40 to 70, those 30 years ought to be the best years of any person's life, and if you take that individual and break him down physically and emotionally, a machine can break that individual and break him down by the labor hours that he might be required to work, or the character of his toil, if you break him down so that you are bound to discharge him at forty as incompetent, then you are a decided menace to the future of civilization, of mankind, and I don't care how much money you have! That constitutes the real menace, we have got to find a way to rehabilitate and to maintain a certain standard of efficiency in every department of human labor and of human production. Don't you think that is just plain common sense? I do. Industry has got to find a way. You know what's going to happen. Of course it is going to happen. Read, or come with me and visit the social settlements. Every social worker in this city knows that I am telling the truth. Read the mail on my desk today. I am going to try to do all I can to place people 40 and over, and we will do all we can to place people before that, of course, but I have on my desk in my office a list of names and letters and tragedies! I beg you, Mr. Employer, if you are listening to me this morning, I am just begging you, I am pleading with you to save yourself. I know you are worried about what the government is doing to you, and I think you have a right to be worried, we are all worried. Won't you give me an opportunity to send you a man or a woman in the upper brackets, if you need them this holiday time? 'Why, I have got families with little children, men 40, 45, 50, I have got case after case after care of individuals and their problems, I wish that you could just give me a ring, we are not charging these people anything, we are giving them jobs and we art not humiliating them by asking them if they are on relief, and I am going to ask you to call the Peoples Church anytime and say 'Doctor Bradley, I can use a man 40 years old for two or three weeks in my business, or permanently.' I have got accountants, office men, workmen, bookkeepers, all kinds of people who are just looking at me and this Church to help them through this tragedy. Won't you find a way to help a little bit too? If you can just squeeze in another person for the next three or four weeks in particular, through this Christmas time, won't you give us a chance? These are fine people and they are desperate people, desperate. Don't try to excuse it by saying they can get on relief or they can accept charity. There is a reason why at this Christmastime many a conscience is going to be completely gratified by giving somebody a Christmas basket and they are going to make a big furor about Christmas baskets. Well, I believe in Christmas baskets; this Church fed 500 people last Christmas day. I believe in Christmas baskets, of course. If I were poor and on relief and needed a Christmas basket I would get all the Christmas baskets I could. Why, I would go from one place to another, I would load myself with Christmas baskets, most of them do. I delivered a basket myself to a house that had eight, and when I looked at the Christmas baskets that were there and then saw the conditions of that home, I said I wish I could get eight more for them. I don't worry about those things when you say 'O, but they denied somebody else a basket!' But they make a great furor at Christmas time about baskets for the poor! I believe in a 12 months Christmas and a 52 weeks Christmas, and it is more important to get jobs and get people off of charity and off from relief than it is to spend thousands of dollars giving a temporary meal on Christmas day, and I don't propose to ease my conscience by giving anybody a Christ-

mas basket. What we need is to get rid of this whole charity idea. I don't like charity and every individual that is a true person does not want your philanthropy and they don't want your charity, they want a right to work! That's what the poor of America want, and the jobless of America, a right to work, and you have got to find an economic and industrial system whereby the right to work will be just as much a part of a person's life as the right of trial by jury.

I have been rather brutal about some things this morning, and I meant to be, I meant to say everything I have said, every sentence, because I believe that we can do a little better than we are doing in this important and this somewhat tragic situation. We can do it! The psychological aspect of it, of course, is an important factor, but how many good stenographers and good secretaries there are in this world and this city over forty that have been let out of office and employment simply because they have become mature women and substituted by inexperienced, inefficient people a little more winsome, while a lot of people who have become mature have been eliminated from doing work that they could do better than the young, inexperienced office person. Let us pay attention to these psychological factors and see how unsound they are.

I know of nothing more tragic in this world than a man or woman suddenly, in the midst of the prime of life ,being told that they are jobless! Forty and jobless, think of it! Forty and suffering the economic disaster of our present civilization! What are you going to do when the slack is taken up by a four-hour day, as it probably will be, when to produce all that we will need in the United States of America to maintain a fine American standard of living nobody will have to work over four hours a day! That time will come, we are going to pick up the slack and it means shorter hours with the same pay for more people, and it means finally, at the end, a release from the burden of taxation. It is good business, there is none better.

So I beg, yes, I plead for the forty and jobless whom I know! I have sat with more than one of them for an hour, I have got the records of the places they worked, I know the name of the factory, I know the store where they worked, I know the men who discharged them and I know the reasons they were given, and I know that for many of them it is going to be a pretty sad Christmas, and I know that it need not be at all. I believe as much as I believe I am here that when that immortal document said 'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' while it did not say it, it implied it very definitely, I think had I been writing it I would have put in one more phrase, 'Life, liberty, **the right to work** and the pursuit of happiness.'

Man must live, man will not see his loved ones starve, man in health and full of strength with worries, ambitions and obligations! Don't let man's heart get too bitter! An unemployed man and a hungry man is a dangerous man! Let's not get ourselves into a position where there are too many dangerous men. Machine guns will not stop them, bullets will not deter them, hunger, insecurity, injustice, these are the things which breed communism, fascism and nazism! These are the festering sores that poison the body politic of the nation. Mr. Employer, Mr. Retailer, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Manufacturer, in spite of the hard times that you feel are upon you and the necessity to turn loose thousands and thousands of men in seasonable occupations, remember, when you of the steel industry were buying and buying on a rising market and you were thinking that that market would keep on rising, and your factories hummed and pro-

duced under the pressure of your machine production, and then all at once, people could not find the dollars to buy the things that you produced—there was no money to buy, and suddenly you had to discharge your men, suddenly you found yourselves in a dilemma! How many more times must you be taught your lesson? When are you going to learn from experience?

Ah, the problem is a problem for us all, but let those who can, help today as never before, that the efficient, unimpaired men and women in the world of production should not be disturbed to take in a younger employee, even in the face of pension rolls, or anticipated service. I would rather give work and give a job to the person over forty though I could not anticipate twenty years of their life ,than I would to put a man of twenty on the work and wring twenty years out of his life and then let him go at forty!"

MEMORY

By Abraham Lincoln

My childhood home I see again,
And sadden with the view;
And still, as memory crowds my brain,
There's pleasure in it, too.

O Memory! thou midway world
'Twixt earth and paradise,
Where things decayed and loved ones lost
In dreamy shadows rise,

And, freed from all that's earthly, vile,
Seem hallowed, pure, and bright,
Like scenes in some enchanted isle
All bathed in liquid light.

As dusky mountains please the eye
When twilight chases day;
As bugle notes that, passing by,
In distance die away;

As leaving some grand waterfall,
We lingering, list its roar,
So memory will hallow all
We've known, and know no more.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

February 7th the sun shone and there was blue sky—quite rightly so for this was Motion Picture and Garden Day—a double program—given by the Woman's Club in Channing Hall. Mrs. Jas. Stoker Chairman of Motion Pictures presented Mrs. L. C. Hoff Ninth District Chairman, who read a paper, and Mrs. Stoker gave a report on pre-views she had attended. Mrs. R. W. Lee, Garden Chairman presented Mr. Alfred Herz scientist, connected with the Public Service Company, and who has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington for his work in color photography. Mr. Herz showed some really remarkable color films —some of them "movies", of southern gardens and lovely old colonial estates. Then coming nearer home he showed Lombard in lilac time, Goshen Ind. peony gardens and nursery, tulip time in Holland, Michigan, and a number of magnificent gardens in our own North Shore suburbs. The pictures were fairly breath-taking in their beauty, and made everyone in the audience feel they had been transported in some magic way into a gloriously blossoming Springtime. When the last picture left the screen and the lights came on, there was a murmur of surprise that we found ourselves in Channing Hall after such a delightful hour spent in gardens, beside shadowy pools where lilies floated or were reflected—where trees and shrubs were abloom, and myriad flowers nodded in the gentle breeze. Miss Doby of the Chicago Musical College sang very pleasingly.

Men's Night was featured on February 21st by a "Cafeteria Dinner" in Channing Hall. Mrs. F. D. Barney, Chairman of Ways and Means, had the affair in charge. Mrs. Robert Byron was co-chairman. Tables formed a counter nearly half around the Hall, and back of it members of the Club in dainty aprons served

the many and various dishes. About two hundred attended the dinner and quite a number came in for the evening entertainment which consisted of a movie put on by United Air Lines, "Coast to Coast by Plane", the lecture given by Miss Marion Gates, Director of Womans' Traffic Division. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very much and felt indebted to Mrs. Barney and her committee for such a thoroughly pleasant evening.

I am going to turn back the pages for a moment to Dec. 29th to tell a little about an event which for some unaccounted reason didn't get into the Woman's Club column last month. Wednesday Dec. 28th, 1937, thirty-three members of the Woman's Club gave a surprise party to honor Mrs. J. F. Brand, 1732 Chase Ave. It happens that Mrs. Brand's birthday falls in the summer and as the Club members are scattered at that time, it was thought a happy plan to celebrate the birthday at an earlier date. Mrs. Brand has been a member of the Club for many years, having joined in 1916. She is 84 years old, and is still actively interested in the Club's affairs. Mrs. Chas. Roberts assisted by Mesdames J. J. Reynolds, and John Daley, was in charge of the party. The afternoon was largely spent in reminiscing; the older members telling of the early days of the organization, which proved very interesting to the newer members.

Mrs. Brand was presented with a beautiful handbag and flowers from the women that attended the party. This party was in keeping with the Club's policy, to honor—during their lifetime, the older members of the Club.

Everyone reported a delightful time, and Mrs. Brand was made very happy by the token of esteem and affection in which she is held. All members join in wishing Mrs. Brand "many happy returns of the day."

—G. T. B.

THE UPTOWN PLAYERS

The Uptown Players have not presented plays for the past two years, but they have held regularly their Guest Artist Teas the first Sunday of each month during the Church season. Some very fine artists have appeared on the programs and many of the Church members and their friends look forward to these delightful Sunday afternoons in Bradley Hall. So many and insistant have been the requests for another play that Mr. J. Bradley-Griffin, director of the Uptown Players for so many seasons, has consented to present a play entitled "Night of January 16th" in "The Great Hall", The Peoples Church building. This in itself will be an innovation as never before has The Great Hall been used for a play; but it is particularly adapted to this special play, and will prove a most interesting production. "Night of January 16th" was written by Aryn Rand and had a long run in New York. It will be given Mar. 7th and 8th. Curtain at 8:20. Tickets available at the Church. Price 50 cents.

—K. P.

THE BOOK LECTURES

The Wednesday Evening book lectures continue in popularity as the large attendance proves.

Feb. 2nd a large audience listened to the lectures on "Prodigal Parents" by Sinclair Lewis, a splendid subject the story does not begin to do justice to.

Feb. 9th "Madam Curie." A Biography by Eve Curie, was given before a packed auditorium. Here indeed Dr. Bradley excelled in his enthusiastic review of this magnificently written book about a great woman—probably the greatest woman of our time; an added charm being that the author is her youngest daughter. A book everyone would love to own—and certainly everyone should read.

Feb. 16th "Japan Defies the World", by James Scherer drew

an equally large crowd, and was a most informative lecture.

Feb. 23rd Pearl S. Buck's book "This Proud Heart" led one to anticipate a real treat based upon her former writings "The Good Earth" and "The Mother"—even "The Fighting Angel" had many good points,—but this last novel from her pen, and for the first time in her writings the scene laid in America,—fell far short of her earlier works. The list of books Dr. Bradley announces for March sound most interesting.

March 2nd "The Tyranny of Words" by Stewart Chase.

March 9th "The Folklore of Capitalism", Arnold.

March 16th "The Castle of Contentment" Plov.

March 23rd "Ships in the Sky" Gunnarsson.

March 30th "Action at Aquila" Hervey Allen.

"The Castle of Contentment" is by a Danish writer, and "Ships in the Sky" is Icelandic. "Action at Aquila" is the latest work of Hervey Allen who is the author of "Anthony Adverse."

The book lectures will close April 13th with the Easter season.

DOCTOR BRADLEY KEPT THE FOLLOWING ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

2—Two service. Peoples Church.
3—Address. Oakton School. Evanston, Ill.
4—Address. Daughters of the Renaissance.
5—Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
6—Address. Womans Ideal Club.
7—Address. Berwyn Woman's Club.
9—Two services. Peoples Church.
10—Address. Chicago Culture Club.
10—Board Meeting. Chicago Public Library.
10—Board Meeting. Peoples Church.
11—Address. Chicago Retail Coal Dealers.
11—Address. Swedish Club. Daughters of Sweden.
12—Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
13—Address. Kelvyn Park Civic Club.
14—Address—Woman's Church Federation. Oak Park, Ill.
14—Annual Dinner. Isaac Walton League of America.
16—Two services. Peoples Church.
16—Radio Address. W. J. J. D. "The Message of Masaryk."
17—Board Meeting. Normal School Board. Springfield, Ill.
17—Address. Congregation Beth Itzchak.
18—Address. Cleaners and Dyers Convention.
18—Address. Garfield School P. T. A. Maywood, Ill.
19—Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
20—Address. Friends of Literature.
21—Address. Executives Club.
23—Two services. Peoples Church.
24—Address. Woman's Club of the Peoples Church.
24—Address. Men's Club of the Peoples Church.
25—Address. Kiwanis Club Banquet. Bremen, Ind.
26—Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
27—Address. Annual Banquet. Michigan City Chamber of Commerce.
28—Radio Address. W. E. N. R. Infantile Paralysis Founda-

30—Two services. Peoples Church.
31—Address. American Jewish Congress. Congress Hotel.

FUNERALS

4—Charles W. Peacock. Interment, Acacia Park.
5—Mrs. Amelia Louisa Petyan, Interment, Waldheim.
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8—Edwin H. Cleaver. Interment, Oakwoods.
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11—Mrs. Dan Harvey. Interment, Malden, Mass.
13—Mr. Niehls Dall. Interment, Graceland.
19—Miss Sybil Mageehan. Interment, Acacia.

24—Mr. Charles S. Ross. Interment, Rosehill.
26—Mrs. Joseph Triner. Interment, Bohemian National Cemetery.
29—Mr. John Reebie. Interment, Graceland.

WEDDINGS

8—Richard G. Boyer and Marjorie Stanley .
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

The Forum held the 16th of January in the Church Auditorium proved to be our most successful forum thus far. A Symposium was held on the subject of "Democracy and Race Prejudices." Dr. Wayman Ward, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church represented the Negro point of view; Dean Wm. H. Conley, dean of Wright Jr. College spoke for the Catholic layman; Dr. Stanley B. Crosland, Jr., pastor of the Rogers Park Congregational Church represented the Protestants, and Rabbi Elliott Grafman, of the Anti-Defamation Society spoke on the Jewish attitude. The deep interest displayed by each speaker and their willingness to answer all questions from the floor made the forum very interesting. Approximately 400 people attended. Mr. James Code, vice president of the Y.P.C. presided.

January 3rd, the Y.P.C. had the privilege of having a regular talkie "The Jones Family Goes Back to Nature." This was made possible through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Going, members of the Church. Miss Erika Hirschberg sang a very lovely group of numbers; Mr. Philip Jorgensen played several of his own compositions. Refreshments were served.

Miss Dorothea Blomquist, treasurer of the Club, and the writer attended the Annual Dinner of the Adult Education Council at the Chicago Woman's Club, January 25th; Dr. Wm. H. Kilpatrick, nationally distinguished Professor of Education at Columbia University and a leader in Adult Education spoke on "The Future for Adult Education." Dr. Kilpatrick said that any group that gathers together for the discussion of social, industrial (etc.) problems, to his mind represented adult education.

Dr. Kirtley Mather, Professor of Geology and director of the Boston Center of Adult Education spoke on "A New Dynamic for Democracy." Dr. Mather stated that the "councils" problems were the same as other educational enterprises. Civic cooperation and financial aid were most necessary to carry on the worth while enterprises confronting the people of every race and creed.

Youth Sunday was observed the 6th of February. All Liberal young people throughout the nation have joined together in order to promote freedom of speech, and worship; to keep young people thinking along educational events, national and international. The Young Peoples' Religious Union has members in all of the foreign lands but there of course is much discouragement due to the demanding influences of dictatorship.

A Valentine Party was held in Bradley Hall, February 7th, 1938.

The Y.P.C. will attend a Dinner-Dance, February 11th, given by the Channing Club of the 1st Unitarian Church, 57th and Woodlawn Avenue. The Channing Club is part of the "Liberal Young Peoples' Group", of Chicago.

The Forum for February was presented in Channing Hall, at 4:00 P. M. Mr. Lafe E. Soderstrom, an American Federation of

Labor organizer will speak on "Labor's Struggle for Power." the usual question box will be held.

The Y.P.C. takes great pride in announcing the meeting of February 21st, 1938 in Bradley Hall, at 8:30 P. M. Mr. George Utley, head librarian of the Newberry Library will speak on the "History of the English Bible."

All Young people are cordially invited to attend our meetings; if you attend the morning church services you will find the Y.P.C. seated on the right hand side of the main floor. You are welcome to join us.

The Dunes-Reunion will be held the 26th of February. If you are interested in "Liberalism" particularly among the Young People you will find a very interesting program of education and social activities outlined in their projects. Mr. Roger Miller, president of the Y.P.C. will give you any information as to reservations, time and place.

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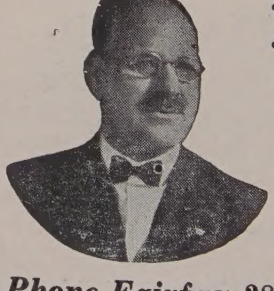

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